

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 17)!

Worship Services are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays through September 4. Following the 9:00 service on Sundays, please join us for Coffee Under the Trees! This week the Coffee Under the Trees will include special treats for **Father's Day**, sponsored by Chuck and Gloria Mielke. Pastor John will lead the Adult Bible Study at 10:30.

2022 Rocky Mountain District Convention:

The Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod met in Convention on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10 at the Marriott Hotel in Lone Tree. Our District is made up of congregations in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. The Convention elected various leaders who will serve our congregations and the ministry we will do together for the next three years.

The Convention elected Pastor James Maxwell, a pastor at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs to be our District President. The four regional Vice-Presidents, all newly elected are: Rev. Jared Melius (Central), Rev. Mark Nierman (Eastern), Rev. Jason Rust (Southern), and Rev. Michael Redeker (Western). Rev. Eli Lietzau was elected the Secretary of the District. Also elected were "Circuit Visitors," pastors who assist the District President in various regions of the District. Pastor John was elected Circuit Visitor for the Denver Southwest Circuit. That Circuit includes Shepherd of the Hills in Centennial, Trinity in Denver, St. John's and Renewal in Denver, Hosanna in Littleton, Immanuel in Englewood and Holy Cross in Highlands Ranch, as well as Ascension.

About 100 voting pastors and 100 lay-delegates engaged in worship, Bible Study through the leading of Pastor Al Espinosa, and heard a report from Rev. Dr. Alexy Streltsov, Rector of the Theological Seminary of Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novosibirsk, Russia. The \$20,000.00 offering at the beginning of the Conference will be part of \$150,000.00 that the Convention pledged to support the work of this Seminary that was begun by Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, twenty years ago.

In addition to the election of various people to serve our District, the Convention discussed various resolution. One that was discussed was to reaffirm the Biblical Doctrine of Creation and to address the age of the earth. The Convention asked that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in its 2023 Convention, would reaffirm its stance that God created the world out of nothing and that when speaking of the age of the earth that we would date the earth "in thousands of years as opposed to millions and billions of years." This resolution passed.

Pastor John and Arvin Michel represented the congregation during this historic Convention. This year marked the 100th Anniversary of the Rocky Mountain District, and the 175th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We ask God to bless His church and that we would be faithful to the work He has called us to do in this part of the world.

Farewell and address change for Dan and Kim McCormick, who have moved to 16706 Crown Point Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68116. Many blessings to them in their new location!

NEW Ascension Directories are available in the narthex and the church office. These do not include photos – the photo directories will be out later this year. Please let the church office know if you have any corrections, 303-794-4636.

Sunday Nursery Availability: The nursery is available during the worship services and also during the Adult Bible class.

*****6th-12th graders!***** We are going to a servant event camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) on July 31st-August 5th (Sunday-Friday). Cost is \$35. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to zip line, high ropes, climb, hike, do archery etc. during the afternoons while working on projects during the day! Devotions and campfire at night. Friends are invited! Deadline to register is July 17.

Decorating for VBS! If you would like to help decorate the Fellowship Hall and other areas to prepare for VBS next weekend, please join the crew at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 21!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Calling all 3-year-olds through those entering 5th grade! We are excited to have some hog wild fun with you on June 24-26! For more information and to register, please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/alutheran22>.

We look forward to seeing you there!

We also need volunteers to help with VBS! If you are interested, please talk with Stephanie Roettjer or Jenna Lawrenz! There are so many ways you can help!

If you're able to purchase and donate supplies for VBS, we'd greatly appreciate it! Here is the link to the Sign-up Genius site for Ascension VBS:

[Vacation Bible School Needs](#)

Please bring your donations to church by June 22. Mark them with "VBS" and leave them in the kitchen. Shelf-stable items may be brought at any time. Please bring fresh food items on the 22nd. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Charlene Auten (720-317-4242).

Take me out to the ballgame! Everyone is invited to the CO Rockies Faith Day on Sunday, August 14th vs the AZ Diamondbacks. Game at 1:00pm followed by the Christian band, We the Kingdom, concert afterwards. \$18 a ticket! Deadline to reserve your spot is on July 31st. Contact stephanie.roettjer@gmail.com or 303-794-4636 to let her know how many tickets you would like! Payment by cash or check (made out to Ascension Lutheran) can be dropped off in the church office.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

During the summer months when choir, bells and children's groups are not in session we focus on special music for the services that are solo or small ensemble in nature. If you'd like to sing a solo or in a duet, trio, etc., or play an instrument or be in a small instrumental group, please see our Director of Music Ministries, Mike Zehnder, or email him at musicmikealc@gmail.com.

Organ Recital: On July 31, at 2:00 pm, Thomas Schulteis will be performing an organ recital and Steve Wille will be giving a presentation on the various ranks on expanded organ at Our Father Lutheran Church, 6335 S Holly Street in Centennial. The recital is open to the public.

Young Adult Group Bible Study will next meet on Friday, July 1st at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Jenna (jenna.lindeman@cune.org).

Gifts on a Mission is a group of people who gather together twice a month to do a little crafting and have a lot of fun! Why are we called "Gifts on a Mission?" Because the things we make are sold for mission projects near and far! Come join us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month, "open house," 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Come and learn a new craft!

Bible Study on Wednesdays - THE MANY WONDERS OF HEAVEN. Written and taught by Pastor Don Ginkel. This is an in-depth study. We meet from 10:00 to 11:15 in Room 106, the classroom to the right of the main entrance off the parking lot.

Ascension Photo Directory! THANK YOU to everyone who has had their photograph taken so far! Did you know that only those that are photographed will receive a copy of the new directory? You are a part of our family and we need you to be included. A limited number of appointments are still being offered at Bettinger Photography located in Englewood. Call 303-400-6023 to schedule or online at www.PictorialServices.net/appointment.

Transportation Needed: Carl and Rita Kuenne, worshippers at our Saturday service, have run into some health problems and on occasion have a transportation need outside of attending worship services. If you could help, or would like more information about this need, you can call Carl at 720.320.7201.

Extended Day Preschool (EDP): Please spread the word that EDP will be open five days a week for the 2022-2023 school year, and they are seeking an Assistant Teacher. Please contact Kelly Lafferty at director@alcpreschool.com if you are interested.

From Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS): **Ready, Set, School!** is an annual IFCS program that supplies eligible low-income Kindergarten-8th graders a new backpack, school supplies, and a gift card. **This year, IFCS has 246 students who need your help!**

VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOPPING

IFCS is once again providing a Virtual Shopping experience for sponsors and donors. [Roonga](#) partners with non-profits like ours to streamline in-kind giving and maximize donations through bulk wholesale purchases that are a fraction of the cost. Please use this link to donate: [Ready, Set, School!](#)

We are also asking that donations with a suggested amount of \$25 per child be made to IFCS. These donations will go toward providing basic food boxes filled with nutritious, shelf-stable food items for each student.

Our work is possible because of your support.

Thank you for partnering with us to feed young stomachs and minds!

Sincerely,

Integrated Family Community Services

From North Littleton Promise: Summer is in full swing and so many exciting things are happening at NLP! We would love for you to join us this weekend as we get our facilities ready for summer programs! We will be cleaning, organizing, painting, and more on **this Saturday, June 18th**, 8:30am-12:30pm. Lunch will be provided. We have 6 already joining us, but we would love to have **6 more people!** Please RSVP to Ashley at ashley@northlittletonpromise.org. Hope to see you there!

– Maureen Shannon

“Why can’t I just let my kids sort this out?” Many have the impression that the “executor/executrix” (personal representative) can make distribution decisions about the assets found in your estate, or that a trustee will make decisions about things needing distribution from your trust. The truth is, they are meant only to carry out the plans you have already put in place. They are limited by law from redirecting assets toward things not specified in the will or trust. If you don’t plan, distributions will be crude. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin to think about your goals, working with your professionals to get it all written down. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Ellen Thompson, who broke her hip after falling on Thursday morning. She had surgery on her hip at UC Health in Highlands Ranch. For Virginia Downs, who is being treated for Covid, also at UC Health in Highlands Ranch. For Christine Peepgrass, recovering at home from Covid and pneumonia; For Jim Donovan, who will have cataract surgery on June 23; For Jackie Pearman, who is having surgery on Friday, June 17 for a knee issue; For healing for Marion Wilson’s friend, Joann; For Lila Loots’ friend, Sharon Bremser, and her family, at the loss of Sharon’s husband, Bruce; For Estella Aguilar, who has an infection; For Jerry Peterson, who will have surgery for skin cancer later this month; For Joyce Gallagher who had shoulder surgery on June 14; For Harriet Metz, scheduled for a back fusion on June 22; For Ted Lemke, at Porter Hospital; For Gwen Geisler, who has been dealing with vasculitis, long-term COVID, a blood clot in her lung, stage 4 kidney disease, and related issues; For Janet Parrott; For Elle Lambert; For Mike Reimnitz;

For Gloe Ann Leino; For Carrie O’Byrne, Barb Bader’s daughter; For Joan Anttonen's sister, Judy, in hospice care; For Lorine Grau; For Nadine Ginkel; For Carol Zeller; For world leaders, that they will pursue peace in Ukraine; For our country; For God's mighty hand to bring to an end this virus. For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Special Happy Birthdays to Norma Ogg, who will be 90 on June 18, and to Donna Dennis, who is turning 98 on June 20!! Blessings to these wonderful ladies!

What a friend we have in Jesus - is one of my favorite songs.

To our friends at Ascension Lutheran - we can say what friends we have.

Thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers, food, and Love during our loss of my sister, Linda and Carol's Aunt and our Dear Friend Marie.

Edna, Linda & Carol Achziger

Ascension’s Prayer Group:

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Please join us as we give glory to our Sovereign God and bring our prayer requests to the throne of His grace. Ascension’s Prayer Group meets on Zoom every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. If you’d like to join us, contact

MargoALPasha@yahoo.com

Help for Ukraine: To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, the link for Mission Advancement is: [Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement](#). By mail, you can make your check out to “The LCMS,” and write “Ukraine Relief” in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 6/11	4:00 pm	52	
Sunday, 6/12	9:00 am	129	Total:181

Calendar At-a-Glance (Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 26):

Sat. (6-18)	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-19)		FATHER’S DAY
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Under the Trees & Father’s Day Celebration – Chuck & Gloria Mielke
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
Tues. (6-21)	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Decorating for VBS

Weds. (6-22)	10:00 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study w/Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (6-24)	5:00 p.m.	Pizza Dinner for VBS
	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Begins
Sat. (6-25)	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
	4:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-26)	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	VBS Pancake Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	VBS Carnival

Stewardship:

2022	This Week	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Financial Needs	\$12,300.00	\$295,200.00
Received Amount	\$9,635.46	\$309,634.34
Project Peter Receipts	\$1,348.00	\$92,270.13

Project Peter Loan Balance: \$207,987.94

Flowers for June 18-19 were given by Norm and Judy Hermsmeyer in gratitude for their many blessings, and in joyful celebration of birthdays and their 59th Wedding Anniversary on June 15!

Online Views (as of June 13) for June 5: 136 views.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study the Lord's Supper In Two Kinds on the Anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession on 6/25 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Acts 20-22 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and learn more about Genesis 18-21 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs live or on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!